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PART-IIA

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

NOTIFICATIONS

The 26th May, 2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief.

No.F(PR)-53/2017/46. - The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No.F(PR)-53/2017/40, dated 12th August, 2021 and to say that the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to decide that the Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief payable to all categories of State Government employees/pensioners and family pension holders shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 22% to 25% with effect from 1st July, 2021.

- 2. These orders shall also apply to the members of the work-charged establishment and casual workers, other than Bungalow Peons, holding posts in the pay levels as admissible to the employees of corresponding categories under the regular establishment/services/posts.
- 3. The Dearness Relief under these orders shall remain suspended if the pensioners/family pensioners are employed/re-employed under the State/Central Government or employed/re-employed/permanently absorbed in the State's or Central Government's Company, Corporation, Undertaking or Autonomous Body. It shall, however, be revived after the spell of such employment/re-employment.
- 4. The payment on account of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and the fraction of less than 50 paise may be ignored.
- 5. The payment on account of the Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief sanctioned herein shall be debited to the respective heads of accounts from which the employees draw their salary and the pensioners/family pension holders, their pension.

VIJAY KUMAR D.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Finance Department.

The 25th May, 2022.

No.RDS.21/2022/151. - In exercise of the power conferred under Section 11 (d) (i) of the MTL(R) Act, 1971 the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to specify the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited as a Company to which the provisions of the said Act, shall not apply in relation to transfer of land measuring 4B-1K-15L located at Chandmari, Tura (and more fully described in scheduled below) by way of lease for a period of 30 (thirty) years from Smti. Erica Ch. Momin to the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited for the purpose of setting up a retail petrol pump outlet.

Schedule

North: PP Land.
South: PP Land.

East : National Highway Road.

West: PP Land.

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Revenue & Disaster Management Department.

The 18th May, 2022.

No.IND.62/2021/10. - In continuation to this Department Notification No.IND.62/2021/7, dated 3rd March, 2022, the post of Project Manager which was transferred from the office of District Commerce & Industries Centre, Nongstoin to Directorate of Commerce & Industries, Shillong is debitable to the Head of Account which was Originally created *vide* order No.M/Dind/DIC.11/84/7, dated 13th February, 1985 and permanently retained *vide* order No.IND.164/85/196, dated 3rd October, 2018. The Head of Account debitable is "2851-Village & small Industries - 200 - other village Industries - (03) - District Commerce and Industries Centre - 01 - Salaries - Sixth schedule".

M. R. SYNREM,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,

Commerce & Industries Department.

The 20th May, 2022.

Subject:- Partial Modification for creation and retention of temporary post of Deputy Commissioner,

Additional Deputy Commissioner and Extra Assistant Commissioners.

No.PER.30/98/132.- In partial modification of this Department's Notification No.PER.30/98/492, dated 6th December, 2021, No.PER.16/2016/39, dated 22nd February, 2022 (SI.7) and No.PER.10/89/501, dated 9th March, 2022 (SI. 17 & 18), I am directed to convey the sanction of the Governor of Meghalaya to the creation of the following posts.

- (i) Deputy Commissioner borne on IAS cadre in the Senior Time Scale Level-11 provided the relevant provision of IAS cadre Rules, 1954/IAS (pay) Rules, 2016 with effect from the date of entertainment till 28th February, 2022.
- (ii) 3 (three) temporary posts of Additional Deputy Commissioner in Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang in the Level-19 of the Pay Matrix of the Revised Pay Structure, 2018 and other allowances as admissible under the rules with effect from the date of entertainment till 28th February, 2022.
- (iii) 3 (three) temporary posts of Extra Assistant Commissioners in Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang in the Level-15 of the Pay Matrix of the Revised Pay Structure and other allowances as admissible under the rules with effect from the date of entertainment till 28th February, 2022.

The expenditure shall be debitable to the Head of Account "2053-District Administration-093-District Establishments-(01)-Deputy Commissioner's Establishment -Sixth Schedule -(Part-II)-Areas- Voted".

Further, it is pleased to convey the sanction of the Governor of Meghalaya for retention of the above posts with effect from 1st March, 2022 to 28th February, 2023 under the above Head of Account during the current financial year, 2022 - 23.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance (EC-I) Department *vide* their I/D No.FC(I) 445/2021-2022, dated 9th November, 2021 and Finance (PR) Department *vide* their I/D No.F(PR)-281/2021, dated 30th November, 2021.

C. DIENGDOH.

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Personnel & A.R.(A) Department.

The 25th May, 2022.

Guidelines for utilisation of Compensation amount for restoration of environment in the State

No.ENV.4/2021/17. - Whereas Hon'ble National Green Tribunal *vide* order dated 24th September, 2021 in OA No.172/2016/EZ (*Sanjay Laloo Vs State of Meghalaya and others*) has directed State Government to pay compensation @ ₹ 10 lakhs per month for delay in setting up of STP and ₹ 5 lakhs per month for delay in providing interim remediation measures with effect from 1st April, 2020;

Whereas Hon'ble National Green Tribunal *vide* order dated 24th November, 2021 in OA No.172/2016/EZ directed that compensation to be payable by State Government shall be credited to a separate account with the Environment Department of the State and shall be used for restoration of environment in the Slate of Meghalaya;

Whereas Hon'ble National Green Tribunal *vide* order dated 7th March, 2022 in OA No.172/2016/EZ directed that compensation amount to be paid shall be utilised for implementation of remedial action plan prepared for preventing pollution of Myntdu River;

Now therefore, the following guidelines have been notified for utilization of Compensation amount deposited by the Urban Department in an efficient, effective and transparent manner for the purpose of restoration of environment and for necessary remedial and preventive measures with regard to environment and matters related therein in West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya:-

1. Steering Committee. - (1) The Steering Committee at State level shall comprise of following members:-

SI. No.	Name and designation	Designation in the Governing body	
1.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF	Chairman	
2.	Director, Urban Affairs Department		
3.	Chief Engineer, P.H.E.	Members	
4.	Chairman, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board		
5.	Chief Conservator of Forests (SF & E)	Member Secretary	
6.	One non-official members/non-governmental organization having expertise in the field of Environment	Non-Official Member	

- (2) Powers and functions of the Steering Committee:- The Steering Committee shall have the following powers and functions.
 - a) Assessment of administrative feasibility and prioritization of various activities to be undertaken from the compensation amount;
 - b) Determine project area for undertaking various activities under the compensation amount;
 - c) To examine and process the received proposals for restoration of environment damaged;
 - d) To approve the received proposals for restoration of environment;
 - e) Ensuring Inter-departmental Coordination; and
 - f) To examine the Annual Action Plans submitted by the District Level Executing Committee and to monitor the progress of the utilization of the compensation amount and review the progress of the projects.

2. District Level Executing Committee. - (1) District Level Executing Committee shall be constituted in West Jaintia Hills District for restoration of environment damaged with following members:-

SI. No.	Name and designation	Designation	
1.	Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District	Chairman	
2.	District Urban Planner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Members	
3.	C.E.O., Jowai Municipal Board		
4.	Executive Engineer, P.H.E. Jowai		
5.	Representative from the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board		
6.	Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Jaintia Hills, Jowai	Member Secretary	

- (2) Powers and functions of the District Level Executing Committee:
 - a) Take all steps for implementation of various activities for the restoration of environment in project areas;
 - b) Preparation of Annual Action Plans as per the projects approved by the Steering Committee for various activities;
 - c) Submission of Annual Action Plans to the Steering Committee;
 - d) Execute, coordinate and supervise the Annual Action Plans and the approved projects with the assistance from line Departments; and
 - e) Maintain the books of accounts and place before the Steering Committee for approval.
 - 3. Operation of Account. -
 - Funds accrued under the compensation amount shall be kept under Savings Bank Account in a Nationalised Bank.
 - The account shall be operated under joint signature of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF, Forest and Secretary, Forest and Environment Department.
 - 3) The Member Secretary of the Steering Committee shall maintain the books of accounts for this Fund.
- 4. Activities. (1) the compensation amount shall be utilized for following activities:-
 - a) Implementation of remedial action plan prepared for preventing and remedying pollution of Myntdu River;
 - b) Setting up solid waste processing facility and waste recovery centres;
 - c) Capital expenditure required for door to door collection of segregated waste and its transportation in vehicles to the processing facility and sanitary landfill;
 - d) Capital expenditure required for prevention of dumping of garbage into the River.
 - e) Implementation of action plan for restoration of Myntdu River; and
 - f) Any other activity felt necessary for restoration of environment on account of damage caused to it in West Jaintia Hills District.

5. Accounts and Audit. -

- (1) The Member Secretary of District Level Executive Committee shall maintain books of accounts, documents and records in respect of compensation amount;
- (2) The accounts shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General or any other person appointed by him in this connection;
- (3) The District Level Executive Committee shall submit Annual Report and Audited Report to Steering Committee.

SYED MD. ANDALEEB RAZI,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forests and Environment Department.

The 19th May, 2022.

No.PDS.35/2021/7. - In continuation of this Department's Notification No.PDS.35/2021/6, dated 22nd February, 2022, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to order a change in the nomenclature of the following posts under the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services:-

SI. No.	From	То
1.	Jailor	Deputy Superintendent of Prisons & Correctional Services.
2.	Assistant Jailor	Assistant Superintendent of Prisons & Correctional Services.

T. LYNGWA,

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Department of Prisons and Correctional Services.

The 19th May, 2022.

No.PLA.31/96/Part/96. - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the State Council of Science Technology & Environment, Meghalaya, as the Nodal Agency for identification of Appropriate Technologies relevant for the State of Meghalaya.

VIJAY KUMAR D,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Planning Department.

The 29th April, 2022.

No.JHADC/MASF/M/12/2021/8. - In pursuance of Section 6 *read* with section 4 of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council (Management and Control of Markets) Regulation, 1975, the Executive Committee, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai, on the request of Dorbar Shnong Nonglatem, West Jaintia Hills District and after due regards to the needs of the people of Nonglatem and neighbouring villages for their economic well being and suitability or otherwise the locality is pleased to establish a weekly District Council Private Market known as "IAW HAT NONGLATEM" at Mooblai, Moopyniein, Nonglatem village, Elaka Nartiang, West Jaintia Hills District.

Schedule of the Land as per Land Holding Certificate No.3 of 2022 dated 14th March, 2022, are as given below:-

Name : law Hat Nonglatem

Location: Mooblai, Moopyniein, Nonglatem Village, Elaka Nartiang.

BOUNDARIES

North : Khlaw Shnong Nonglatem

East : Jaka ka Thrina Rymbai, Moorathud

South: P.W.D. Road

West : Khlaw Shong Nonglatem

Area : 14,406 Sq. mts. (Approx)

Further, the Executive Committee, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council in pursuance of Section 30 of the said Regulation is also pleased to constitute the lew Hat Nonglatem Managing Committee consisting of not less than 5 (five) members and not more than 10 (ten) members, including the Chairman, the Secretary and Treasurer who are to be elected every year as agreed by the District Council and who shall carry out the duties and functions provided under Section 12(b) and 29 of the said Regulation.

Secretary,
Executive Committee,
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,
Jowai.

The 16th May, 2022.

Reference:- This Department's Notification No.AGRI(E) 6/2018/171-C, dated 12th October, 2018.

No.AGRI(E)183/95/34.— In continuation to this Department's Notification under reference, I am directed to inform you that the terms & conditions of deputation of Smti. Tahsri M. Momin Project Director, ATMA, West Garo Hills, Tura are as follows:-

Terms & Conditions

1. Period of Deputation

With effect from 26th October, 2018, till the date of handing over charge of the post of Project Director, (ATMA), West Garo Hills, Tura with deputation allowance/without deputation allowances.

2. Pay

During the period of deputation, the Officer will be entitled to draw her own grade pay and allowances as admissible under State Government Rules *plus* deputation (duty) allowance as laid down in the O.M.No.FEG.74/92/365, dated 17th August, 2010 and Corrigendum No.FEG.74/72/367, dated 3rd September, 2010.

3. Dearness Allowances etc.

The Officer will be entitled to the dearness allowances under the rules of her parent Government or under the rules of Foreign Employer/borrowing Government according to her option to retain her scale of pay under the parent Government or she draws pay in the scale of pay attached of the post under the Foreign Employer/borrowing Government.

4. Joining time T.A./D.A.

The Officer will be entitled to joining time and T.A./D.A. both on joining the post of deputation and on reversion there from to the parent Government under the rules of the Foreign Employer. The expenditure for the purpose will be borne by the Foreign Employer. T.A./D.A. for journeys performed on tour in connection with the work of the Foreign Employer will be paid by and under the rules of the Foreign Employer (in case of deputation to other State Governments including Government of India joining time, Pay and T.A. will be regulated as per provision laid down in Appendix 3-B of Account Code Vol. I).

Leave Salary of Pension Contribution The Foreign Employer will be liable to pay the leave salary and pension contribution according to the rate in force from time to time. Regarding payment of leave salary, the procedure laid down in O.M.No.FEG. 74/72/114, dated 4th November, 1975, shall apply. (In case of deputation to other Governments; including Government of India, General Principles as laid down in Account Code Vol.-I, shall apply).

Leave Salary during Disability Leave The Foreign Employer will be liable to pay the leave salary in respect of any disability incurred in and through service under the Foreign Employer even if such disability manifests itself after the termination of the service under the Foreign Employer.

7. Pension or Contribution Provident Fund

The Officer will not be allowed to join any Pension or Contributory Provident Fund Scheme.

8. Medical Facilities

The Foreign Employer/borrowing Government will provide the medical facilities not inferior to those which the Officer would have been enjoyed in her parent Government but for her deputation.

 Grant of Gratuity or Pension for injury or Death The Foreign Employer will be responsible for payment of any gratuity or pension that may be admissible under the rules if any injury is sustained or death occurs during the services under the Foreign Employer.

10. Compensatory Allowances

The whole expenditure in respect of any compensatory allowances for the period of leave during, and/or at the end of services under the Foreign Employer/borrowing Government before she joins her Parent Government will be borne by the Foreign Employer/borrowing Government.

11. Local Allowance

The Officer will be entitled to the Local (City) allowance, House rent allowance and other local allowances according to the rules of the Foreign Employer/borrowing Government.

12. Bonus

The Officer will be entitled to the Bonus if any, at the rate as declared and allowed by the Foreign Employer to its employees if he opts the scale of pay of the deputation post.

13. Leave Rules

The Officer will remain subject to Leave Rules applicable to the Service of which she is a member.

14. Travelling Concession

The Officer will be entitled to Leave Travel Concession from the Foreign Employer/borrowing Government on the scale she is entitled to under the Parent Government and the cost of such concession will be borne by the Foreign Employer/borrowing Government.

15. Residential Accommodation

The Officer will be entitled to the residential accommodation according to the Rules of her parent Government (or the Rules of the Foreign

Employer/ borrowing Government according to her option to draw her own grade pay or the scale of pay of the deputation post) and the expenditure should be borne by the Foreign Employer/borrowing Government.

- 16. Moveable & Immoveable properties
- The Officer will regularly furnish returns of Movable and Immovable properties owned by her to her Parent Government.
- 17. Commencement & Termination

The date of Commencement of the Service on deputation will be the date of Deputation Services of the officer handed over charge of the post in her Parent Department Office and the date of termination will be the date she takes over charges of the post in her Parent Department Office as provided under the Meghalaya Fundamental Rules & Subsidiary Rules, 1984.

S. R. MARAK,

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare. The 18th May, 2022.

No.Health.285/2017/175. - In exercise of powers conferred by Section 49 of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 (16 of 2017), to provide for measures to provide diagnostic facilities for HIV and AIDS, etc., the appointment, terms and conditions, qualifications and manner of inquiry by Ombudsman, the Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

Chapter - I

- **1. Short title, extent and commencement-** (1) These Rules may be called the Meghalaya Human immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Rules, 2022.
 - (2) These Rules shall come into force from the date of Notification in the Official Gazette.
 - (3) The Rules shall extend to the whole State of Meghalaya.
- 2. **Definitions** In these rules unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,
- (a) "Act" means the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 (No. 16 of 2017);
- (b) "Appropriate authority" means unless otherwise notified, the National AIDS Control Organization in the case of the Central Government and the concerned State AIDS Control Society in the case of the State Government;
- (c) "High burden districts" means district notified as such by the appropriate authority under the State Government from time to time;
- (d) "Ombudsman" means an Officer appointed or designated by the State Government, as the case may be, under Section 23 of the Act;
- (e) Words and expressions used and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act.

Chapter - II

- 3. Provision of Diagnostic Facilities for HIV and AIDS, ART and Opportunistic Infections (OIs)

 Management The State Government shall take measures to:-
- (i) provide free diagnostic services related to HIV and AIDS to all individuals in all Government Health facilities including Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, and Sub Centres across the State;
- (ii) follow HIV related treatment protocol and reporting so as to ensure quality of services provided by Private Health Providers.
- (iii) provide free ART Drugs to all People Living with HIV as per provisions of the Act including guidelines of National AIDS Control Organization.

- (iv) manage Opportunistic Infections (OIs) in all Government Health Institutions and Hospitals across the State, and
- (v) ensure that Opportunistic Infections (OIs) drugs are made available free of cost and as per Guidelines of National AIDS Control Organization to all People Living with HIV as per provisions of the Act

Chapter - III

- **4. Appointment and Jurisdiction of Ombudsman** The State government shall appoint the Commissioner of Division of the respective Division as Ombudsman in the state.
- **5.** The State Government shall provide the Ombudsman with assistance from Law Department on legal issues that may arise in the course of his work, if so requested.
- **6. Terms and conditions of services of Ombudsman** (1) A person appointed as Ombudsman shall be deemed the rank of Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare.
- (2) The Ombudsman shall carry out functions as an officer of the Health & Family Welfare Department.

7. Manner of inquiring into complaints by Ombudsman –

- (a) The Ombudsman shall act in an objective and independent manner when inquiring into complaints made under the Act.
- (b) While inquiring into complaints under the Act, the Ombudsman shall not be bound by any rules of evidence and may follow such procedure as he considers just and proper.
- (c) No cross-examination shall be permitted in inquiries before the Ombudsman.
- (d) The Ombudsman may, in the interests of justice, take the assistance of experts, including protected persons and persons vulnerable to HIV, and persons working in the fields of HIV and AIDS, public health or health delivery systems.
- (e) The Ombudsman shall have the power to pass interim orders in cases of medical emergency without hearing the parties.
- (f) The Ombudsman shall have the power to pass orders, including to, withdrawal and rectification of the violation, counseling, social service etc.
- (g) The Ombudsman shall inform the complainant of the action taken.
- (h) The Ombudsman shall inform the parties to the complaint of their right to seek judicial review from the Ombudsman's order.

- 8. **Orders passed by Ombudsman** On being satisfied with the inquiry, the Ombudsman may pass one or more of the following orders, namely,-
 - (i) Pass orders for the withdrawal and rectification of the violation;
 - (ii) Pass orders directing the person who has committed the violation to undergo a fixed period of counseling related to the violation committed and a fixed period of social service, which shall include working with a non-governmental organization working on HIV, State or District network of HIV Positive People, or the appropriate authority under the State Government;
 - (iii) Direct specific steps or special measures or both to be taken;
 - (iv) Direct any person who has committed the violation to make regular reports to the Ombudsman regarding implementation of the Ombudsman's order;
 - (v) Make such orders as to cost as are considered reasonable and such specific cost shall be utilized for welfare of HIV positive people; Meghalaya AIDS Control Society shall be the custodian of the mentioned cost;
 - (vi) Directions to health care provider or persons or institutions or facilities in whose care the child affected by HIV or HIV affected person or HIV positive person is placed, regarding care, protection and rehabilitation of the said person, including directions relating to immediate treatment and services such as medical attention, therapy, psychiatric and psychological support including need-based counseling, occupational therapy etc;
 - (vii) Any other related to any other functions:
- 9. Manner of maintaining records by Ombudsman (1) The Ombudsman shall:-
 - (a) immediately on receipt of a complaint, record it by assigning a sequential unique complaint number in a register maintained solely for that purpose in physical or computerized form;
 - (b) on receipt of the complaint, acknowledge it including by sending the unique complaint number by SMS or e-mail to the complainant where available;
 - (c) record the time of the complaint and the action taken on the complaint in the register; and
 - (d) maintain the register of complaints in a manner that ensures confidentiality of data
- (2) The Ombudsman shall comply with data protection measures in accordance with Section 11 of the Act.
- 10. Manner of making complaints to Ombudsman (1) Any person may make a complaint to the Ombudsman within whose jurisdiction the alleged violation took place, within three months from the date that the person making the complaint became aware of the alleged violation of the Act,

Provided that the Ombudsman may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the time limit to make the complaint by a further period of three months, if he is satisfied that circumstances exist that prevented the complainant from making the complaint within the stipulated period.

(2) All complaints shall be made to the Ombudsman in writing in accordance with the form set out in the Appendix to the Rules:

Provided that where a complaint cannot be made in writing the Ombudsman shall render all reasonable assistance to the complainant to reduce the complaint in writing.

- (3) In cases of medical emergency, the Ombudsman or his assistant may visit the complainant at the location of the alleged violation or any other convenient place to enable written documentation of the complaint.
- (4) The Ombudsman may receive complaints made in person, via post, telephonically, or through electronic for through the Ombudsman's website;

Provided that the State Government shall within seven days of the appointment of the Ombudsman establish a website of the Ombudsman.

- 11. State Government to disseminate information on Ombudsman (1) Within thirty days of the appointment of the Ombudsman, the appropriate authority under the State Government shall disseminate information about the office of the Ombudsman, including the Ombudsman's jurisdiction, role, functioning and procedures, and the manner in which complaints can be made to the Ombudsman.
- (2) Such dissemination shall be undertaken to advance the understanding, in particular of protected persons, healthcare workers, legal aid service authorities and civil authorities.
- **12.** Manner of recording pseudonym and providing suppression of identity in legal proceedings (1) In any legal proceeding where a Court, pursuant to Clause (a) of sub-section (1) of Section 34 of the Act directs, on an application made by a protected person or any other person, that in the interests of justice the proceeding or any part thereof be conducted by suppressing the identity of such protected person, the Court shall direct all parties involved to:-
 - (i) File one copy of the documents bearing the full name, identity and identifying details of the parties concerned before the Court, which shall be kept in a sealed cover and in safe custody, and
 - (ii) Serve one copy of documents bearing the full name, identity and identifying details of the parties concerned upon other parties in the proceeding with a requirement to ensure that the full name and identity of the parties concerned are kept confidential.
- (2) The Court shall provide pseudonyms to protected persons involved in the legal proceedings in the documents filed before the Court in such manner that the identity and identifying details of the protected person involved in the legal proceeding are kept confidential.
- (3) The sealed covered documents shall be placed before the Court on the first date the legal proceeding is listed for hearing before the Court.
- (4) The identities of the protected person involved in the legal proceeding and their identifying details shall be displayed in pseudonym in all documentation generated by the Court in relation to the legal proceedings, including listing of the case on the Court Board, interim orders and final judgements.

(5) The identity and identifying details of the protected person involved in the legal proceedings shall not be revealed by any person or their representatives including assistants and staff of the Court.

Exception: Where in the interest of justice the name and identity of the protected person needs to be revealed to a third party, it shall only be allowed by an order of the Court.

- (6) Printing or publishing any matter in relation to the aforementioned legal proceedings in electronic or any other form, shall be lawful only if the same is done by ensuring the suppression of identities of the parties in the legal proceeding.
- (7) In any legal proceeding before it under the Act, the Court shall comply with data protection measures in accordance with Section 11 of the Act.

Chapter - IV

13. Books of Accounts shall be maintained and the Internal Audit to be conducted at the end of every financial year.

SAMPATH KUMAR,

Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department.